The opinion in support of the decision being entered today was \underline{not} written for publication in a law journal and is \underline{not} binding precedent of the Board.

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Ex parte HARUSHIGE YAMAMOTO

Application No. 09/921,132

ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on July 8, 2005. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below.

An Examiner's Answer was mailed on July 19, 2004, in response to appellant's Appeal Brief dated April 16, 2004. In response thereto, on September 20, 2004, appellant filed an

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Amendment After Final.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is returned to the examiner for the examiner to consider the Amendment After Final, dated September 20, 2004, as to whther it is in compliance with 37 CFR § 41.41 and to be entered, and for any further action as may be appropriate.

It is important that the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences be informed promptly of any action affecting the appeal (i.e., abandonment, issue, reopening prosecution).

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